

**HELP THE ENUMERATOR
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The enumeration of the population during the census of the United States always presents numerous difficulties, among them the apprehension on the part of the people, particularly those of foreign birth or extraction, that their answers to the enumerators' questions will cause increased taxation, legal entanglements or other consequences injurious to their welfare. In order to quiet such unfounded fears and at the same time acquaint all persons with the main questions included in the census schedules this statement has been prepared.

It is, therefore, earnestly hoped that clergymen, editors, school teachers, employers, agricultural agents, and other public spirited citizens who come in contact with large numbers of people will grasp every opportunity to correct any erroneous opinions about the census which they may hear. It is no less earnestly hoped that all public spirited citizens will aid the government in the gigantic task of taking the 1920 census by making frequent use of the information set forth in this leaflet to impress people with the great importance of the coming census and to urge them to prepare for the coming of the census enumerators so that correct and complete answers may be given, says Sam. L. Rogers, director of the census.

The census is required every ten years by the Constitution of the United States and by Act of Congress. The date named for beginning the 1920 census is January 2, but the "Census Day" is January 1.

In cities the population enumeration will be completed in two weeks.

The enumeration of farms will be completed within 30 days.

The census of manufactures, mines and quarries, oil and gas wells, and forestry and forest products will, as a rule, be taken by special agents and by correspondence, and not by enumerators.

The census is the means by which the Government ascertains the increase in population, the statistics concerning agriculture, and the vital information concerning the resources of the nation.

For Statistical Purposes Only

The census inquiries are defined by act of congress.

The information gathered is strictly confidential.

Census information cannot under any circumstances be used as a basis for taxation, nor can it be used to

harm any person or his property. It has nothing whatever to do with detection, arrest, prosecution, or punishment of any person for any violation of any law.

Important Questions Asked of All Persons

1. Age at last birthday.
2. Each person ten years of age and over will be asked whether he is able to read or write.
3. Each person will be asked his birthplace as well as the birthplace of father and mother.
4. If foreign born the date of coming to the United States will be asked, and, if naturalized, the date of becoming a citizen; also mother tongue or native language.
5. Each head of a family will be asked whether his home is owned by him or rented. If owned, whether the home is mortgaged or free of debt.
6. Each person will be asked his occupation and whether he is an employer or employee or is working on his own account.

The answers to the above questions give valuable and vital information to the Government concerning the health, welfare, and progress of the persons under its protection.

Questions Asked Farmers

1. Each occupant of a farm will be asked how many years, if any, he worked on a farm for wages; how many years, if any, he was a tenant; and how many years, if any, he farmed as a owner.
2. Whether he (a) owns, or (b)

rents, or (c) partly owns and partly rents his farm, or whether (d) he operates the farm for others as a manager or superintendent.

3. How many acres in the farm? number of improved acres? Number of unimproved acres and number of acres of woodland?
4. Total value of farm? Total value of buildings? Value of implements and machinery on farm?
5. Whether farm is mortgaged. If so, the amount of mortgage?
6. Expenses for feed, fertilizer, and labor in the year 1919.
7. Several questions concerning artificial drainage on his farm.
8. Number of cows, horses, sheep, chickens and other domestic animals on the farm January 1, 1920?
9. Quantity and acreage of all crops grown on the farm in 1919, including fruits and vegetables?
10. Quantity of milk and butter sold off the farm during the year 1919?
11. Acreage of timber land on farm and value of forest products.

Correct answers to the above questions are of the utmost importance. The United States Department of Agriculture assisted the Census Bureau in preparing the questions on the agriculture schedule and appeals to farmers everywhere to keep farm records for census purposes.

Copies of the Agriculture schedule can be had in advance by any farmer by writing to the Director of the Census, Washington, D. C.



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